

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church



October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Welcome to our newest member  
baptized Sunday Scott Matthew.**

**Mass times:**

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 10:45am

**Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.**

**Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am**

**Confession: Saturday at  
4:30 pm or by appointment.**



## **Message from our Pastor:**

October is a month of devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. In a special way the month is also devoted to the special prayer to Mary that we say as Catholics, the Rosary. In fact, the feast of the Holy Rosary is October 7<sup>th</sup>, which commemorates a great victory of Christians who were under attack by Turkish barbarians. In response to the threat, the Pope at that time encouraged all the faithful to pray the Rosary, the soldiers included, and invoke the intercession of Mary for protection. The Pope also had a vision of the victory that he expected because of Mary's protection. He was eventually informed that almost all of the 300 attacking Turkish ships were sunk or captured, a victory he quickly attributed to the prayers of Mary, granted through the faithful devotion of so many people praying the Rosary. He then declared October 7<sup>th</sup>, the day of the great naval battle, as the feast of Our Lady of Victory, also known as Our Lady of the Rosary.

*If you do not believe God can work miracles in your life if you begin to faithfully pray the Rosary every day then you are in error. The Rosary is the single most powerful pray you can pray individually (the Mass is the most powerful prayer prayed as a Church).*

*If you have problems in your life, you need to start praying the Rosary every day. If you are sick, start praying the Rosary. If you are depressed, start praying the Rosary. If you are anxious or worried about something, start praying the Rosary. If your kids or*

*grandkids are in trouble and you worry about them, start praying the Rosary. If you are trying to stop a habitual sin, start praying the Rosary. If you want to be pure in heart, start praying the Rosary. If you don't know what is wrong, start praying the Rosary.*

*If you pray it every single day, I promise you that after praying it for one year your life will be so changed that at the end of the year you will be convinced of your need to pray it every single day for the rest of your life. That is a guarantee. Make the commitment. Make the sacrifice of time. It's your best use of time.*

**Check these out:**

1. "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." -Saint Padre Pio
2. "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." – Blessed Pope Pius IX
3. "The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." – Saint Francis de Sales
4. "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." - St. Padre Pio
5. "Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!" -St. Padre Pio
6. "The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results." -St. Josemaria Escriva
7. "Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Mary's which purifies the monotony of your sins!" - St. Josemaria Escriva
8. "For those who use their intelligence and their study as a weapon, the Rosary is most effective. Because that apparently monotonous way of beseeching Our Lady as children do their Mother, can destroy every seed of vainglory and pride." – St. Josemaria Escriva
9. "You always leave the Rosary for later, and you end up not saying it at all because you are sleepy. If there is no other time, say it in the street without letting anybody notice it. It will, moreover, help you to have presence of God." – St. Josemaria Escriva
10. "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." – Pope Pius XI
11. "The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description." – Archbishop Fulton Sheen

12. *“The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying.” Pope Leo XIII*

13. *“No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary” – Bishop Hugh Doyle*

14. *“The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” - Sister Lucia of Fatima*

- Fr Rossi

## **News & Announcements:**

**Collection for Disaster Relief:** During mass this weekend we will take up a special collection for the humanitarian, long term recovery & church needs arising from the recent storms. Funds will be used in response to Hurricane Florence & other natural disasters that may occur this year. Please make your checks to St. Patrick Catholic Church w/ a memo that it is for 2018 Disaster Fund.

**Celtic Games:** SPC will be selling their famous Irish Coffee again this year at the Celtic Games at RIR on October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. The next couple weekends after Sunday mass we will have volunteer sign- up sheets to sign up for shifts. Please consider helping. All money raised goes back to SPC! What a great way to give back but also to come out make new friends & enjoy fellowship. Contact Michelle at mjmvcu@aol.com if you need more details or want to sign up.

**Coats for Kids:** The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual drive for coats for kids. During the month of October, please consider a donation of a new or clean and usable child's winter coat. All the coats collected will benefit local children in need. A donation box will be set up in the church hall.

**Sharing Sunday:** Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **November 4th**. Remember your non-perishable food items. A Sharing Sunday table will be in the basement for collection.

**Walk for Life:** I will again be walking for the Walk for Life this year. The Walk for Life campaign is sponsored by the Pregnancy Support Center for the Tri-Cities, Inc. The Tri-Cities Pregnancy Center includes Petersburg, Hopewell, & Colonial Heights. This walk is two miles and takes place on Saturday October 27 at 10:00am. I would appreciate it if you would sponsor me in this walk. The proceeds from the walk enables the center to offer services to both young men & women, such as counseling, and support of their pregnancy. Starting the weekend of 10/6-7 there will be someone at the end of mass collecting money for this very importance cause. Thank you very much for you past support and may God bless you. -Father Wiggins

**The Knights of Columbus** has several projects that will be helping our community in the upcoming months. If you're interested in helping & becoming part of the world's largest Catholic men's organization, please contact us at 804-986-2898.

**Please, Save the Date!** Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held at St. Patrick on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Admission to the concert is free, but please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food or new baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, etc) to benefit those in great need in our community. If you'd like to join us by being a part of our concert, please know we'd love to have you join us! This includes singers, instrumentalists, ushers, and readers!! If you'd like to know more information about the program, rehearsals and other time commitments, please contact Katie Goodloe no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> at musicministerkate@gmail.com or 804-256-3450!

**Visitation to the sick and homebound** – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** An RCIA class will be starting at SPC. Anyone interested is welcome to join the class. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton

**Baptisms** - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.

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**SPC Emergency #:** 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.